CFAC Minutes 7/24/2020

Today's CFAC Committee call was held to discuss two proposals, one from the Department of Health and Welfare to augment testing capacity and another for PPE for schools from the Department of Administration. The State Treasurer's agenda item was postponed for a future meeting.

Chairman Adams convened at 9:01am with Lisa Hettinger, Chantel Greene, and Senator Bair absent.

The first proposal was brought by Director Dave Jeppesen who requested a total of \$40 million to support testing capacity throughout Idaho. This would bolster testing infrastructure and turnaround time as well as help pay for tests in critical populations in the State. The proposal would further add funding for testing within both education settings as well as long term care facilities – this would ensure a safe return to schools as well as provide testing for Idaho's vulnerable populations. Director Jeppesen stated that currently Idaho can process up to 23,000 tests a week, with this funding we could process another 15,000-20,000. Representative Wintrow moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Tom Kealey. The proposal passed unanimously, with Chairman Adams recusing himself from the vote.

Keith Reynolds presented the second proposal to purchase and provide schools with PPE for the coming school year. The request totals \$10 million for different disposable masks, gloves, sanitizer, and plexiglass shields for 720 schools in Idaho so they can safely reopen this fall. Tom Kealey motioned to move forward with the proposal, seconded by Bobbi-Jo Meuleman. The motioned passed unanimously.

The committee adjourned with the plan to meet next week.